

Fixation of minimum Wages in several Industries under the Minimum Wages Act.

*Q.—63. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the industries in which minimum wages under the Minimum Wages Act has been fixed by the Government;

(b) whether they are aware that Minimum Wages in the Beedi Industry is not being paid or enforced particularly in South Kanara District;

(c) the action they propose to take in this regard?

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Development, Law and Labour).—

(a) The following are the industries for which minimum rates of wages have been fixed by Government:—

- (1) Agriculture.
- (2) Tanneries and Leather Manufactory.
- (3) Tobacco (including Beedi Making).
- (4) Printing Presses (only for Bombay Karnatak areas and cities and towns of Bangalore, K.G.F. Sanitary Board area, Mangalore and Mysore).
- (5) Residential Hotels and Eating Houses (only for cities and towns of Bangalore, Mangalore, Mysore, Hubli, Belgaum, K.G.F. Sanitary Board area).
- (6) Foundry with or without machine shops.
- (7) Tile Industry.
- (8) Cotton Ginning and Pressing Manufactory.
- (2) Automobile Engineering including servicing and repairing works.
- (10) Cardamom Malais and Cardamom Gardens only for Coorg District and in the State of Mysore.
- (11) Cashewnut.
- (12) Local Authorities (except Coorg and Hyderabad Karnatak area).
- (13) Public Motor Transport (except Hyderabad Karnatak area).
- (14) Rice Mill, Flour Mill or Dal Mill (except Coorg District).
- (15) Plantations (except Bombay and Hyderabad Karnatak area).

(16) Oil Mill (except Coorg District).

(17) Stone Breaking and Stone Crushing (except Coorg District).

(18) Construction of Roads and Buildings (except Coorg District).

(19) Salt Pan Industry (only in Bombay Karnatak area).

(20) Woollen Carpet or Madras Kar-Shawl Weaving } natak area

(21) Mica Works. } only.

(b) The enforcement of the Minimum Wages in Beedi Industry was held up because of the Stay Order issued by the High Court upon certain writ petitions. As the writ petitions have since been dismissed by the High Court, necessary instructions have been issued to the concerned Inspectors to strictly enforce the Minimum Wages.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (b) above.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ 21 ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವೇತನ ಅಚರಣೆಯಲ್ಲದೆಯೋ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಈ 21 ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವೇತನ ಎಷ್ಟಿರಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅದು ಅಚರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗೆಜೆಟ್ ನೋಟೀಫಿಕೇಷನ್ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಯಾವಯಾವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿದೆ. It is a matter of public information. The Hon. Member is expected to know it.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—You have been pleased to give the information in regard to the industries in which minimum wages have been fixed. We would like to know in how many industries minimum wages have been implemented.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member may put a separate question for that.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the minimum wages fixed for certain industries out of these twenty one have been declared null and void by the High Court?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—That is a matter in respect of which I should like to have notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಈ 21 ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವೇತನ ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿನಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಅದು ಗೆಜೆಟ್ ನೋಟೀಫಿಕೇಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ನಾನು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅದು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The question hour is intended to elicit information on what the Government have done and what the Government have done in regard to these industries, has been published in the Official Gazette and it is open to the Hon'ble Members to look into the Gazette and find out. There is nothing I can add by way of information to what is contained in the Gazette.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—It is nowhere stated when the minimum wages were brought into force in each district. For instance, may I know when the minimum wages were brought into force in any of the districts in the agriculture industry ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—For that he may put a separate question.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Will the Hon'ble Minister tell us the number of industries for which no minimum wages have been fixed ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—All the other industries which are not mentioned in the answer.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA. The Hon'ble Minister for Industries was pleased to say that minimum wages had to be paid for silk industry. May I know whether minimum wages have been fixed for silk industry ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I did not say anything about the silk industry.

Sri DAYANANDA SAGAR.—May I know whether the minimum wages is uniform or does it vary from industry to industry ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—In the very nature of things it is bound to vary from industry to industry.

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE.—In an industry like agriculture where labour is not organised, wages are determined by supply and demand and the Minimum Wages Act has very little influence and it is largely unknown to the people.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member is entitled to his opinion on this subject.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Have the Government reviewed the

implementation of the Minimum Wages Act and if so, what is the report ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I imagine that the annual reports of the working of the Minimum Wages Act are being issued from the Government from time to time and the Hon'ble Member will find therein whatever information he likes.

An HON'BLE MEMBER.—Is the Government aware that they are not implementing the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act in the industries run and managed by the Government as well as semi-Government, for instance, Khadi and Village industries ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Khadi and Village Industries do not come under this schedule.

An HON'BLE MEMBER.—In the motor industry ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is the Hon'ble Member making is a general question ?

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—In the administration Report of the Labour Department for the year 1957-58, the progress of implementation of the Minimum Wages Act is not given. Are we to take that the Government have not reviewed the position since then ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—It cannot be inferred that that has not been reviewed since then. Perhaps it had not been reviewed by that time.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know Sir, the minimum wages fixed for skilled workers in Printing Presses ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member had more to do with it than myself !

Mr. SPEAKER.—You are bound to answer that question

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I shall read it for the information of the House. But the information that is available here is under different classification. The Hon'ble Member worded his question in rather general terms. I want to know whether he wants that information in relation to the printing press within the municipal limits of the Cities of Bangalore, Mysore, KGF or whether he wants it in respect of any other area ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—I wanted this information with reference to Bangalore.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Semi-skilled labour such as compositor, printer, binder, trundle-pressmen, etc., Rs. 2.25 per day.

Semi-skilled labour such as letter press reader, proof-reader, machineman, cutter, etc. Rs. 1.75 per day.

Other un-skilled labour Rs. 1.50 per day.

Office Staff Rs. 75 per month.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯನಾಯಕ.—ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಮೋಟಾರು ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖು ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವೇತನವನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲಾಯಿತು ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I should like to have notice of that question, Sir.

Construction of a Bridge across the Markandeya River at Boodikote in Bangarpet Taluk.

*Q.—68. **Sri E. NARAYANA GOWDA** (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the foundation stone was laid to construct a bridge across the Markandeya river at Boodikote in Bangarpet Taluk ;

(b) the reasons for not commencing the works so far ;

(c) the time required for the completion of this work ?

A.—**Sri VEERENDRA PATIL** (Minister for Public Works and Transport).—

(a) On 28th June 1961.

(b) The estimate has not been sanctioned,

(c) After the estimate is sanctioned the work will be started and completed as early as possible.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮಂಜೂರಾಗದೆಯೇ ಅಸ್ತಿಭಾರ ಶಿಲೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿರುವ ಪ್ರಮೇಯವೇನಿತ್ತು ?

†**Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.**—This work was proposed to be taken up against a lumpsum provision made in the Budget. So, they have now to prepare an estimate and send it for administrative approval and technical sanction for proper authority.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಅಂದಾಜು ಮಂಜೂರು ಆಗದೆ ಅಸ್ತಿಭಾರ ಶಿಲೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ ಪ್ರಮೇಯವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಸ್ಟೋನ್ ಹಾಕಿರುವವರನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not the right reply.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—There is a certain difficulty. There is some truth in what the Hon'ble Member says. Before getting this work technically sanctioned, and administratively approved, the foundation-stone laying ceremony was performed. He is, therefore, putting the question. It is true that foundation-stone laying was performed by the Hon'ble Minister for Planning.....

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣ ನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖು ನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಅಸ್ತಿಭಾರ ಶಿಲೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದು ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—On 28th June 1961.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಅಂದಾಜು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದಿಂದಲೂ ಪೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಇದ್ದು ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡದೇ ಇರಲಿ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ; ಏತಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಈ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಸ್ಕೂಟಿನಮಾಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಪೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಆಗಿಯೇ ಇದೆಯೆಂಬ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಂದಾಜು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಮೊದಲು ಸ್ಕೂಟಿನ ಮಾಡಿ ಅನಂತರ ಮಂಜೂರುಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗ ಇದನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಚೀಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಗೆ ಬರೆದುಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಸ್ಕೂಟಿನ ಯಾಗಿ ಬಂದನಂತರ, ಅದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗೃತೆ ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಇನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಈ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಈ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ಅದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಮಂಜೂರುಮಾಡಿ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಅದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರ ವೆಂದರೆ ಆರುತಿಂಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷವೊ ? ಎಷ್ಟಾದಿವನಗಳು ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ನಾವು ಭಾವಿಸಬೇಕು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅಂದಾಜು ಸ್ಕೂಟಿನ ಯಾಗಿ ಬಂದಕೂಡಲೇ ಅದನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರುಮಾಡಿ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ನಾನು ಮೊದಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಅಂದಾಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಣದ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯದೆಯೇ ವೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಸ್ತಿಭಾರಶಿಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is beyond the scope of this question.